

August 23, 1961

DETACHMENT "H"

1. Equipment

Our equipment appears to be operating satisfactorily with constant maintenance. The extremely unfavorable climatic conditions will require a 200 hr. turn-around of the Trackers. The supply system is excellent, with both area and depot providing instantaneous service.

There is a need for some hand processing equipment in the hands of our people for checking the Tracker operation and formats, so that necessary adjustments may be made.

The clock image still poses somewhat of a problem, since it is extremely difficult to keep in focus. We are now testing an improved model at the plant, which will be focused permanently and have a clock movement easily removable for hacking.

2. Work Facilities

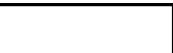
The work area provided for the Tracker, Driftsight, Sextant and Hand Control is the minimum adequate for the scope of the operation as it is now. If operations were stepped up and more than one unit had to be serviced or pre-flighted, simultaneously, the area would be much too small. Otherwise, it is clean and air-conditioned, and favorable for proper operation and maintenance.

3. Living Conditions

The living conditions are better than I had expected, and fully adequate for the maximum comfort and convenience in that location. The food is good, and much credit must be given to all hands for making the best possible use of the area provided.

4. Medical Facilities

There is a general feeling among the group that a doctor should be provided, since adequate medical help is not available in the area, and since there have been two serious accidents in the recent past. The Med. Tech. is doing an excellent job within the scope of his ability, but it is felt that a trained physician should be on hand at all times.



The visit to [redacted] was both interesting and informative. Facilities are excellent and we were able to view some of our own material which looked very good, although it was probably the fourth or fifth duplicate. The people were eager to be of service to us, and are ready to handle an operation of any scope immediately.

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At this time I would like to state that [REDACTED]  
proved to be most helpful and cooperative. He met us at the airport,  
transported us to the hotel, picked us up the next morning, and spent  
the day with us at [REDACTED] His aid meant a great deal in making our  
trip successful.

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